
SENATE BILL 5758

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1 AN ACT Relating to the personal needs allowance for nursing
2 facility residents; adding a new section to chapter 74.09 RCW; and
3 creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that the quality
6 of life and the dignity of individuals to maintain as much personal
7 autonomy as possible, during the time that they are residents of
8 nursing facilities, require that they retain for their own use a
9 personal needs allowance which may be used to purchase clothing and
10 other personal items.

11 (2) It is the intent of the legislature to establish a minimum
12 level for the personal needs allowance and to allow the department of
13 social and health services, by rule, to adjust this amount in the
14 future to reflect the increasing costs of these personal expenditures.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 The personal needs allowance for residents of nursing facilities
18 shall be an amount not less than fifty-eight dollars and eighty-four

1 cents per month, but not more than the maximum amount allowed under the
2 federal social security act. The department, by rule, may from time to
3 time increase this amount within funds made available by the
4 legislature for this purpose.

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